

South West Neighbourhood Group Meeting

Wednesday 19 August 2014

Wester Hailes Education Centre 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chair: Karen Prophet, Senior Education Manager

Minutes: Liz Leslie, Queensferry High School

Present:

Rehana Shanks, HT, Dean Park Primary School
 Sheila Nicol, HT, Nether Currie Primary School
 James Nicol, PC Rep, Nether Currie Primary School
 Mark McEwan, PC Chair, Currie Primary School
 Jacqueline Mackenzie, HT, Pentland Primary School
 Irene Mirtle, HT, Longstone Primary School
 Lorna Hoy, SW CLD Rep
 Carolyn Didcock, HT, Clovenstone Primary School
 Maria Plant, Children and Families
 Sheila Paton, HT, Wester Hailes Education Centre
 Katrina Smith, PC Chair, Wester Hailes Education Centre
 Ann Gallagher, HT, Sighthill Primary School
 Catriona Luff, PC Chair, Firrhill High School

Apologies:

Marion Milne, Balerno Community Council
 Jackie Stewart, CLD Rep

1/2.	Karen Prophet welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced Crawford McGhie, Asset Planning Manager and Tina Sutherland, Communications Officer. Apologies noted above.	Action
3.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Page 1 – Moyra Wilson to give an update on the parking group Page 2 – CATS review. Briefing for secondary heads was agreed today. WHEC will continue to function as is. The review of neighbourhood staffing should be completed by October and the plan is to have the community hubs running by April 2015. Page 2 – Achievement Awards – a parental award category will be included next year Page 3 – Anti-bullying policy – still waiting for details to be sent out. Moyra to follow up Page 4 – Issue re supply teachers – Karen is running a supply working group on Friday with Adecco, HR, Supply Teachers, CPD and HTs. Page 4 – Crawford McGhie was asked to take forward the question of the £1.2 mill put aside for the rebuilding of Dean Park Primary School and report back. All other points on the minutes were agreed.</p>	<p>MW to update</p> <p>MW to send out details</p> <p>CMc to reply to MW</p>
4.	<p><u>Local Development Plan</u></p> <p>Crawford McGhie from Asset Planning went through a presentation to the group on the 2nd Proposed Local Development Plan. The key points from the presentation are as follows (presentation and documents can be accessed online) :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local development plans are prepared every 5 years and the action programmes are updated every 2 years. • The latest review highlighted a shortfall of 8,484 units • The plan needs to be approved by the Scottish Government and is expected to be adopted in February 2016 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are drop in sessions for the public at various sites and dates and these can be accessed on the website • Asset Management work with Education colleagues to look at what educational provisional will be required for the new sites and actions are then compiled grouped in contribution zones across the city. Developers will be required to contribute to the cost of the provision of adequate school accommodation • In the South West, it is predicted that there will be 530 units in Newmills, Curriehill Road, and Riccarton Mains Road. All of these will fall within the Currie High School catchment area. There is a proposal for a 5 class extension at Currie Primary School at an indicative cost of £966K <p>In answer to questions about the proposed developments, Crawford advised that although changes to catchment areas was an option it was a complex issue and would require statutory consultation before any changes were made. Any developments would need to be in place before pupils start at the school and it will be approximately a rise of 18 to Clovenstone PS and 88 to Currie PS. Feasibility work is still to be done in secondary schools.</p> <p>Head teachers to put documents on school websites and Crawford to go back to Catriona Luff at Firrhill HS parent council with details of the development at the Polo Fields at Firrhill, particularly in respect of Bonaly numbers and timescales.</p>	<p>HTs to update websites. CMC to respond to Firrhill PC</p>
5.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary schools would like feedback as to what effect the Free School Meals proposal for P1-P3 will have on accommodation and how it will be rolled out • When will Wisepay/online payment systems be available – further to our pilots running, there is now a proposal to rollout the system across Scotland and to use it as an MIS system as well as a payments system. Karen will get an update and forward this on. 	<p>KP/CMC to provide information on this</p> <p>KP to find out status and report</p>
6.	<p><u>Directors Briefing</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exam Results – very pleased with the results. Congratulations to pupils and thanks to teaching staff. 2. New Portobello High School – finally agreed and work starting immediately 3. Anti-Bullying – documentation sent to all schools from Respectme. Can be accessed online at www.respectme.org.uk/publications.html 4. Edinburgh and the Commonwealth Games – an amazing event and great work by the Sports Unit/Active Schools. Swimming gala was well attended and well organised. 5. Literacy Development and the Fresh Start Programme – good positive feedback, gains from the Fresh Start Programme are carried forward into the SRA programme in secondaries 6. Positive Destinations – best ever result this year at 91.4% which is higher than the national average. 7. Partnership with College and University – this session will see the further development of links with QMU/colleges/schools and employers where pupils will be able to study HNC courses which will give them automatic admission to year 2 of the course. The model is being developed for engineering with Napier and Heriot-Watt. The aim is to broaden availability of courses, develop skills and gaining work experience. 8. New Playground Developments – lots of great work ongoing 9. 2 Hours PE - 95% primaries and 96% secondaries are now meeting the target 10. Developing 1:1 Digital Learning – 9000 iPad have currently been given out. Would ultimately like to develop the use of 1:1 devices 	

	<p>from P6. Secondary schools have had matched funding. No political agreement about BYOD.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Cooperative Schools Award – Broughton piloted and achieved but want all schools to be involved. 12. After Schools Club Launch and New Cooperative and Childcare Charter – launched at Murrayburn Primary School 13. Summer Playschemes – well attended and very positive feedback 14. Achievement Awards – ceremony takes place on 11th September so there wasn't time to add a parental award nomination for this year but it will be in place for next year 15. Paolozzi Prize Ceremony – excellent event of a very high standard involving pupils across the City of Edinburgh Council 16. Education, Children and Families Committee – information on the range of reports covered can be accessed at edinburghbrightfutures.com. Next meeting 11/0/14 17. CCwP – Last meeting 15/5 focussing on Bullying and BOLD. Next meeting will focus on Local Development Plan and school estate. School Streets now have 30 schools interested in taking part. 	
7.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further issues were raised 	
	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Wednesday 12 November at Firrhill High School 6.30pm</p>	